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In re Application of:)
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PIERRE GLAESENER, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: Unknown
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(A divisional of 09/448,477, :
filed November 24, 1999))
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Filed: Concurrently herewith)
:
For: FLEXIBLE SHOE ASSEMBLY) April 17, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please add the following new
paragraph:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/448,477,
filed November 24, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13-26, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend Claims 5, 6, and 7 by replacing them with the following Rewritten Claims. A copy of the Marked-up Claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Rewritten Claims

5. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 3, wherein said load distributor is a series of stepped notches.

6. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 3, wherein said load distributor is a contoured recess.

7. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 1, wherein said force redirector provides pivotal movement of said upper surface.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is independent.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All

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Marked-up Claims

5. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 3₁ [or 4] wherein
[,] said load distributor is a series of stepped notches.

6. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 3₁ [or 4] wherein
[,] said load distributor is a contoured recess.

7. (Once Amended) A shoe as in claim 1 [, 2, 3, or 4]₁
wherein [,] said force redirector provides pivotal movement of said
upper surface.

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